

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
(Columbia DIVISION)

South Carolina Freedom Caucus  
Plaintiff/Petitioner/USA,

Case No. 3:23-cv-00795

V.  
Wallace H. Jordan, Jr., et al  
Defendant/Respondent.

**Application/Affidavit for  
Pro Hac Vice Admission**

(1) Name. Gene Patrick Hamilton  
First Middle Last

(2) Residence. I reside in the following state: Georgia  
If a South Carolina resident, indicate months/years of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Business Address. I am an attorney and practice law under the name of or as a member of the following firm:

Firm name: America First Legal Foundation

Mailing address: 300 Independence Avenue SE City/State/Zip Washington, DC 20003

Telephone number: 202-964-3721

Facsimile number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: gene.hamilton@aflegal.org

(Application will not be considered without an e-mail address to receive electronic notification.)

(4) Jurisdiction of this Court. I, by execution of this Application and Affidavit, consent and agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, with all applicable federal statutes, laws, and rules, including Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina (particularly, Local Civil Rule 83.I.08 and/or Local Criminal Rule 57.I.08). I consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in all matters of attorney conduct.<sup>1</sup>

(5) Regular Practice of Law. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of \_\_\_\_\_ where I regularly practice law.  
**Attached is my certificate of good standing.**

(6) Additional Bar Membership. I have been admitted to practice before the following courts: (List all of the courts Applicant has been admitted to practice before: United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and courts of other states or the District of Columbia.) By signing this Affidavit, I certify that I am a member in good standing of each of the listed bars unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup>This District maintains a web site ([www.scd.uscourts.gov](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov)) from which the federal and local rules of procedure and related materials may be obtained.

**Court****Date Admitted****Good Standing**

See attached form

☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Yes ☐ No

- (7) Pending Disciplinary Matters. Are you presently the subject of any formal suspension or disbarment proceedings, and have you been notified by any disciplinary agency of the initiation of formal procedures? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If "yes," give particulars, such as jurisdiction, court, date, grounds. Information to comply with this paragraph may be provided *in camera* but that fact shall be revealed below.)

- (8) Curtailment of Prior *Pro Hac Vice* Admissions. Have you ever had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked?  
☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If "yes," give particulars, such as date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation.)

- (9) Sanctions. Have you ever had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any judicial or administrative body suspended or revoked, or received a public reprimand or greater sanction?  
☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If "yes," give particulars, e.g., judicial or administrative body, date of suspension, and reinstatement.)

- (10) Criminal Sanctions. Have you ever been convicted of a felony under the laws of the District of Columbia or of any State or under the laws of the United States?  
☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If "yes," give particulars, such as date, court, judge, circumstances, and ultimate disposition.)

- (11) Present and Previous *Pro Hac Vice* in this Court. Have you, within the last ten (10) years, filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina or another court in the state of South Carolina?  
☐ Yes ☒ No  
(If "yes," give court, case name, docket number, and status of litigation, year of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted.) Attach additional pages if necessary.

- (12) Designated Local Counsel. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this case is:



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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Attorney Name:                     | Christopher E. Mills    |
| Firm Name:                         | Spero Law LLC           |
| Street Address or Post Office Box: | 557 East Bay St. #22251 |
| City, State, and Zip Code:         | Charleston, SC 29413    |
| Telephone Number:                  | 843-606-0640            |
| E-Mail Address:                    | cmills@sperolaw.com     |

I understand that local counsel of record is required to: (1) personally sign each pleading, motion, discovery procedure, or other document served or filed in this Court; (2) accept service of all pleadings and notices as required on behalf of all counsel for the party represented; (3) be present at all pretrial conferences, hearings and trials, unless excused by the Court; (4) be prepared to participate actively as may be necessary; and (5) assure compliance with Local Civil Rules 83.I.04, 83.I.05, and 83.I.06 or Local Criminal Rules 57.I.04, 57.I.05, and 57.I.06 as appropriate. Local counsel of record may attend discovery proceedings.

- (13) Associated Counsel. In addition to local counsel designated above, the following counsel are also associated with the undersigned in this case.

Reed Rubinstein

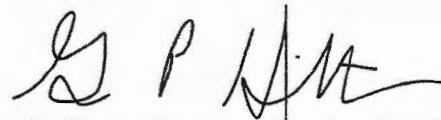
- (14) Application Fee. I affirm that the application fee of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) has been paid in accordance with Local Civil Rule 83.I.05 or Local Criminal Rule 57.I.05 or paid herewith.

- (15) Electronic Notification. By submitting this application, I consent to electronic notification.

- (16) Represented Party/Parties. I seek to represent the following party/parties:

South Carolina Freedom Caucus

- (17) I certify that I have read Local Civil Rule 30.04 regarding the conduct of depositions.



Signature of Applicant

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 28 day of April, 20 23.

*Alexis Bray*

A Notary Public  
of the State of Georgia

My Commission expires: 02/01/2027



**Gene P. Hamilton State Bar Admission(s)**

Virginia, 10/20/2010, #80434

District of Columbia, 4/15/2022, #1619548

Georgia, 5/18/2022, #516201

**Gene P. Hamilton Federal Court Admission(s)**

Supreme Court of the United States, 2/28/2022

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 11/17/2020

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 9/08/2022

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2/15/2023

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 8/24/2020

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 10/02/2018

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 5/31/2022

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 7/05/2022

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 6/08/2022

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, 5/27/2022

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 5/27/2022

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 5/21/2021

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 1/30/2023

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 3/7/2023

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 3/7/2023

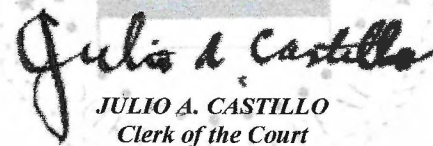


*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,  
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

## ***Gene Patrick Hamilton***

*was duly qualified and admitted on April 15, 2022 as an attorney and counselor entitled to  
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good  
standing of this Bar.*

*In Testimony Whereof,  
I have hereunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the seal of this  
Court at the City of  
Washington, D.C., on March 23, 2023.*

  
**JULIO A. CASTILLO**  
Clerk of the Court

Issued By:



David Chu - Director, Membership  
District of Columbia Bar Membership

***For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email  
memberservices@dcbar.org.***